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SRI K. ISHWARA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Mangalore Municipal Council applied to Government for any loan for the water-supply scheme;

(b) if so, how much was given for the scheme;

(c) when the investigation of the water-supply scheme in Mangalore was completed; and

(d) from what year the people of Mangalore have been supplied water?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Rs. 14,41,600.

" (c) In May 1952.

" (d) The scheme is under execution."

Remission of tax on wet land.

* 1958-E Q.—SRI G. GOVINDAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government propose to grant any remission of tax on wet land anywhere in the area on the eastern side of the Ramanathapuram district where the crops have failed due to failure of rains in 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes. The Collector of Ramanathapuram proposes to grant remission of assessment on wet lands in certain estate taluks of Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar and Sivaganga estates and in some of the resumed inam villages in the Government taluks of Mudukulathur, Paramakudi and Aruppukottai, where the crops have failed due to the failure of the rains in 1954."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know what the total acreage of wet lands is in Ramanathapuram district? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I think the District Gazetteer or some such record will give correct information."

Road metalling in the West Coast.

* 1958-F Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any new or special method of metalling roads in areas like the West Coast where the average annual rainfall is very heavy?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no new or special way of metalling roads in the West Coast except that the camber given to water bound macadam here is more than in areas where rainfall